

Dear Parents and Guardians,



**The vision of Plateau Valley School is to provide and 21<sup>st</sup> century education, everyday for every student.** This 2012 - 2013 school year will be full of growth in a variety of ways; it is my pleasure to have your child in at least one of my classes this school year. Please take the time to read the syllabus and ask me questions.

Legal counsel is advising us to inform you and obtain permission from parents concerning the use of technology in the classroom. As stated on the syllabus I request students sign up for a **Gmail account**, this account opens numerous free resources for students, including email, document storage on a cloud drive, free access to word processing, spreadsheet and other applications, that are being used more and more in the business world. Businesses also use **Wikispaces**, **Drop box**, and numerous other applications, which I use in the classroom. When students sign up for their own accounts, they have access to learning true 21<sup>st</sup> Century technology skills and being more prepared for the real world.

All this technology needs to be monitored and as a school we will do our best. As parents we need your help, first please get your children's login and passwords to the web applications they use, second you can have all of their emails forwarded to you and ask a lot of questions. I am willing to help you learn more about this technology. When accounts are set up for school use, I will request their passwords so they can be monitored as needed.

If a student chooses to abuse their technology privileges, we will be following the school policy. First offenses will be documented on a minor form. Second offenses, parents are called and the form is turned into the office for records. The third offense is considered habitual and will be documented on a Major form, parents called and administration notified.

By signing this form you are agreeing to Mrs. Nichols' class syllabus, and agreeing to help monitor your child's internet use while allowing your student to pursue a 21<sup>st</sup> century education and not limiting their access to web applications and tools.

### **2012-2013 Student Handbooks (AUA)**

#### **COMPUTERS**

Students using electronic media must abide by the Acceptable Use Agreement (AUA) adopted by the District or face suspension of privileges for up to one year. As per the AUA, students may not access chat rooms or games on the computers or send or receive personal e-mail.

Playing games, personal emailing, instant messaging, and use of chat rooms is strictly prohibited at all times. Violations will result in loss of all computer privileges.

Class: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent email: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please share your email if you would like updates emailed to you and copied on correspondence with your child.*

*Thank you,*

*Mrs. Wendy Nichols*